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"WE ARE GOING TO ROLL FLENTGE" SAYS DR. VORBECK

Candidate For Postmaster Says Incumbent Urged Voters To Support Akins.

FLENTGE'S NOTES GO TO STONE AND RUSSELL

Postmaster Is Charged With Pernicious Activity in Politics—War Is On.

It became known through a statement issued last night by Dr. J. C. Vorbeck that the contest for Mr. Russell's endorsement for Postmaster would be followed by an effort to remove E. W. Flentge, the present official.

This was given in explanation for the present campaign by the Democrats who are desirous of succeeding Mr. Flentge. As Mr. Flentge's term of office does not expire for about two years, it was surmised when Dr. Vorbeck and Thomas J. Juden first announced that an effort would be made to remove the Postmaster.

Dr. Vorbeck, in explaining his statement, said that Mr. Flentge had written letters to voters in this section of the state, urging them to support Thomas J. Akins for United States Senator against William J. Stone. A copy of these letters has been forwarded to Senator Stone and Congressman Russell, it was stated, but the name of the party sending them was not divulged.

It became known last night that an influential Democrat living in Cape Girardeau filed charges against Mr. Flentge with Congressman Russell before the primary election, and according to the reports, Mr. Russell said he would take the matter up with the Postmaster General. These charges stated that Mr. Flentge had been too active in politics.

If current reports are true, the man selected by Congressman Russell to get the Postmastership will in all probability take charge of the office in a short time. The Democrats will make an effort to have Mr. Flentge removed as soon as Congress convenes, which will be in December.

The charges that will be placed against him have not been disclosed. Dr. Vorbeck declined to go into details concerning the accusations that the Postmaster will be called upon to answer.

Dr. Vorbeck's statement follows:

"I have been criticized in some quarters for bringing about the Postmastership fight at this time, and have answered these criticisms with the following explanation:

"I have always been an active party man, fighting the party's battles at all times with the true party spirit, always zealously guarding the party's interest and welfare. I would have brought about this fight before the recent election had it not been for my desire to avoid any disaffection in the party, which might have injured Senator Stone, Congressman Russell and the rest of the party ticket.

"Actuated by the same motives, I have brought the fight immediately after the election so as to enable the party to recover from whatever wounds may have resulted before the next general election.

"Further reason for waging the fight at this time is the fact that one of the avoid candidates for the appointment has been silently though actively promoting his candidacy since 1912 election. The morning immediately after his defeat for a county office he became an active candidate for the Postmastership.

"My final reason for bringing this appointment to an issue just now was to have it settled before inaugurating a movement to bring about the removal of E. W. Flentge, the present Postmaster.

"Irrespective of any personal interests and without regard as to how my own candidacy terminates, I feel that my party's welfare demands this course of action.

"His pernicious activity in behalf of Republican candidates, and especially his activity in school board and many other departments of local government, have been objectionable to the people he is supposed to serve, and

FOREST FIRE IS RAGING SOUTH OF THIS CITY

Flames Sweeping Over Great Section Of Swamp Lands Near The Cape.

ARMY OF MEN ARE FIGHTING FLAMES

Stock Raisers Are Rescuing Animals—Lumber Camps In Danger.

A forest fire is raging in the swamp lands a few miles south of this city, and the flames have already become uncontrollable and an area of many miles is threatened with devastation.

Late yesterday afternoon the fire had reached the rock levee road from the west, and that area between Drainage Ditch No. 1 and the Scott County hills was ablaze.

A small army of fire fighters has been engaged for the last 24 hours in attempting to subdue the flames, but their efforts have but little effect as the burning area continues to enlarge rapidly.

The ground is covered with dry leaves which are almost as inflammable as oil, and in spite of the fire guards that have been ploughed in order to check the progress of the destructive flames, the burning section continues to enlarge, and it is feared that the entire area of swamp lands between the hills, for many miles will be swept.

The heat has become so intense that it is no longer possible to remain in the burning forest, and great volumes of smoke arising envelops many miles of surrounding country, and had become noticeable in this city early yesterday afternoon.

Men who have livestock have been busy in the work of rescue, and all the animal life from domestic stock to wild game common to the swamp woods has been madly stampeding towards the hills for several hours.

Many dead trees are burning to the tops, and the disturbed air currents are carrying blazing fagots for great distances dropping them into neighboring forests, spreading the destruction and carrying it on.

As yet there has been no reports received of the loss of any human lives, but it is feared that many timbermen and employes along the course of the various ditches who have built temporary homes in the doomed forest, will be lost before they can reach places of safety.

were done for the purpose of advancing the interests of his personal friends."

The contest among the various candidates continued warm yesterday. Petitions were circulated through every street where business houses were located. The campaign has precipitated more interest in this city than was shown during the contest of candidates before the election last week.

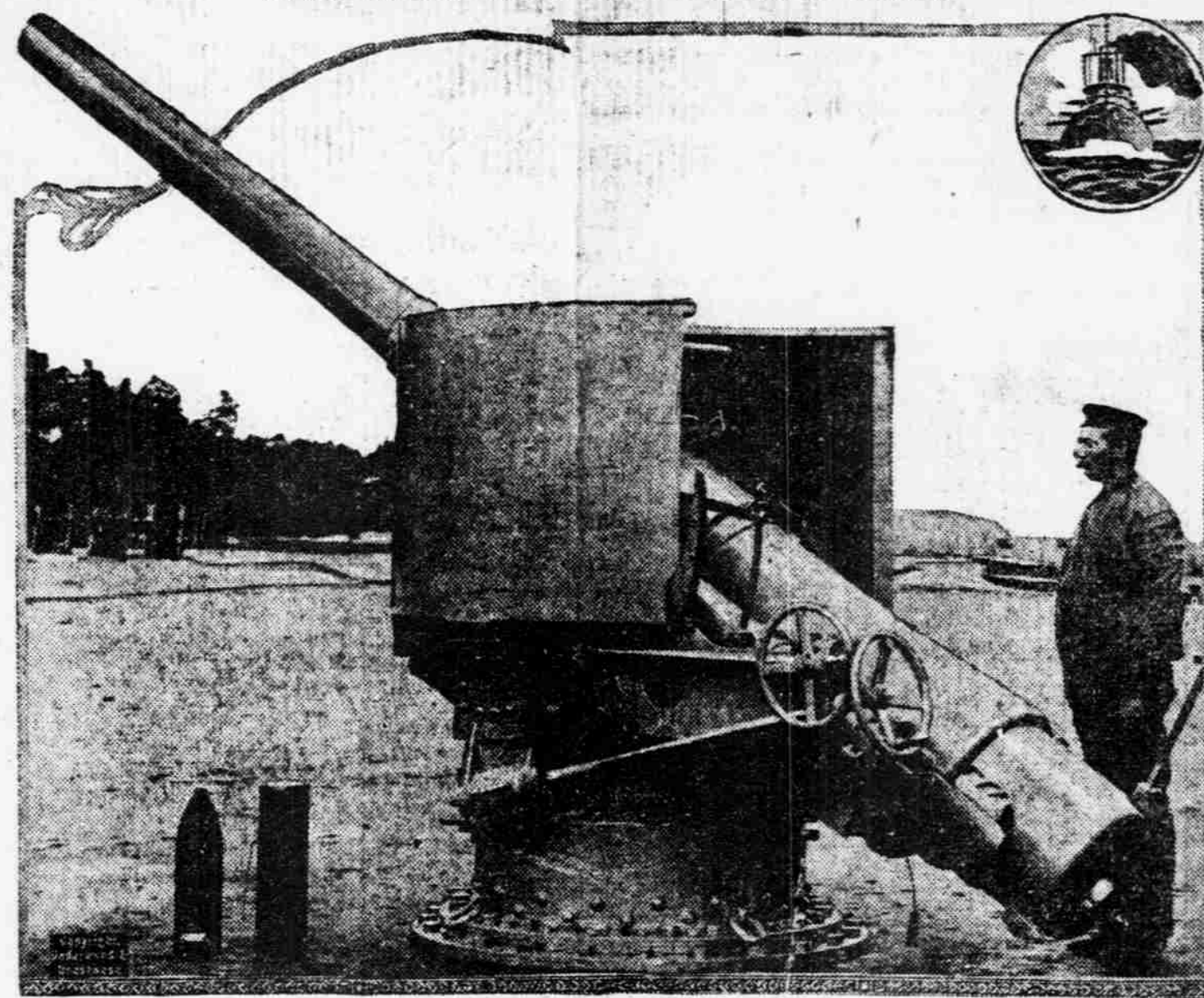
R. K. Winslow, Mayor of Jackson, in a letter to The Tribune yesterday, denied that he was to blame for the County Democratic committee endorsing T. J. Juden. He stated that as he was an applicant for Postmaster in Jackson, he did not feel at liberty to take sides in the contest in Cape Girardeau. His letter follows:

"To those interested in the post office fight at Cape Girardeau, I desire to make a statement explaining my actions in the recent Democratic County Committee meeting on last Tuesday at which T. J. Juden was endorsed for Postmaster.

"I am not a member of the committee and have no voice or vote in its actions. I held the proxy of Robt. Medley in this meeting and refused to vote for or against Mr. Juden as I did not know Mr. Medley's desires in the matter.

"Neither before nor during the meeting did I say anything for or against Mr. Juden. I am not concerned in this fight as I have my own interests to look after at Jackson. I am friendly to all candidates and do not feel that I should have anything to say as to who shall be postmaster at Cape Girardeau.

NEW KRUPP GUNS FOR KAISER'S FLEET



This is one of the latest Krupp guns, several of which, it is said, have been mounted on the German battle-ships.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

His Grace Confirms Classes In Dozen Cities And Dedicates Church.

Archbishop John J. Glennon, who will dedicate the new hospital Sunday, has been in the southeastern section of the state confirming classes in almost a score of cities. He will finish this work in time to reach Cape Girardeau Saturday night. A suite of rooms have been prepared for him at the new St. Francis hospital. Instead of spending one night with Father Prunette, he has decided to stop at the hospital, because of the excellent accommodations.

The Archbishop left St. Louis Tuesday night and his first stop was at Caruthersville, where he celebrated mass shortly after his arrival, dedicated a new Catholic church and confirmed a large class. From that city he went to Portageville, accompanied by Father Durbin of the Cape. His Grace confirmed a class there at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday.

From Portageville he went to Sikeston, reaching that city early yesterday morning, where he was met by Father Walsh of St. Vincent's College. It was the Archbishop's first visit to Sikeston in several years. He confirmed a class there yesterday afternoon, and departed for New Hamburg last night, Father Walsh returning to this city.

Archbishop Glennon will go from New Hamburg today to Oran and from that place to Illinois, reaching Kelso sometime Saturday. He expects to finish his confirmation by early Saturday afternoon, when he will start for Cape Girardeau to spend the night.

The plans for the dedications of the new St. Francis are virtually complete. Sister Casimira, who is the head of the Sanfriscan Sisters in the United States, arrived in Cape Girardeau to be present at the dedication ceremonies. She will probably remain in the city until the middle of next week.

"I told Mr. Glenn and Dr. Vorbeck on last Monday that I did not think the committee would make an endorsement at this time. It would have been impossible for me to have assured them of this fact as I could not have prevented it had I so desired.

"There were five members present in person, all of whom were for Mr. Juden and voted for him, which they had a perfect right to do and who have no apologies to make.

"In conclusion I want to say that my actions in this meeting are deserving of no praise or criticism as I did nothing more than record the actions of the committee upon the record book kept for that purpose.

R. K. WILSON.

NUDE WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER

Is Weighted With Huge Rock—Stocking May Hold A Clue.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—The nude body of a young woman about 25 years old, was found in Big Muddy River, near De Soto, Ill., this afternoon. She had been choked and gagged. A wire around the neck was fastened to a gunnysack in which was a 60-pound rock. The body, which has not been identified, was near the shore.

The body had been in the water about 10 days. There are no distinguishing marks on the body, except that one front tooth is of gold. The hair is dark.

No one in this vicinity is known to be missing.

The discovery was made by Lee Breden, Highway Commissioner of Jackson county. He had stopped at the bridge to make an official inspection when he saw the body in the water. It was taken out and sent to an undertaking establishment at Carbondale.

The woman had black hair. Her features were so distorted that identification will be difficult. The report from De Soto was that one of her stockings afforded a clue.

SHOOTS AT WILD TURKEY AND KILLS A SQUIRREL

Martin Lorberg Stumbles on Giant Rabbit, Shoots At It and Then Sees Too Much Game.

When Martin Lorberg returned from a day's hunting trip in the swamps the other evening, he related a remarkable story of his experience while trying to bring down some game.

He with a party of friends reached the swamp early in the morning, and spent several hours in a vain search for something to shoot at.

Some of the members of the party gave up in disgust, and returned to the city at noon. Mr. Lorberg was persistent, and was determined to spend the day in quest of wild meat.

Along the middle of the afternoon he was aroused by the sudden appearance of a long eared rabbit that sprang up at his feet and bounded away. He was somewhat confused and shot hurriedly at the fleeing bunny, but he missed. The noise of the gun alarmed a fine turkey gobbler which arose from the tall grass a few feet ahead of the nimrod, who fired his second barrel at the feathered prize as it sailed away through the dense timber.

The charge went high and the turkey escaped unharmed, but the peculiar and most unusual feature of the hunt, occurred at this time.

Immediately after shooting at the turkey, Mr. Lorberg said that he detected a clucking and scratching noise

TRACKS READY TO TUMBLE IN RIVER

Frisco Property Between Independence and Merriwether In Danger.

That part of the Frisco track extending between the foot of Independence and the foot of Merriwether street has been in imminent danger of crumbling into the river since about 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A large force of men were set to work yesterday morning in an effort to prevent such a catastrophe, which was avoided by moving the track several feet back from the dangerous location.

This condition is the result of dredging operations along the water's edge where a large amount of rock and earth was removed, leaving the bank without sufficient foundation to support its weight. The mass began to give away shortly after dark Wednesday evening, and the crevasse broadened so rapidly, that the dredge boat was compelled to cease operations in order to avoid the threatened avalanche, which had begun to give way within two or three feet of the track.

The track was considered so unsteady that all day yesterday the passing trains crept across the dangerous section.

The track men succeeded yesterday afternoon in constructing a new dump on safe ground and making the passage secure for the time being, but it is believed that until the concrete base is completed, the bank will continue to crumble.

KEEP ROADS REPAIRED, PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—President Wilson, in a letter to the American Road Congress, in session here, said the Nation was not getting the results it should for its annual expenditure of \$20,000,000 for road construction.

"As important as the matter of providing additional funds may be, even more important is better road administration and better maintenance of roads already constructed," the President wrote.

fifty feet in front of him, and when he looked up in the first big fork he spied a large fox squirrel struggling frantically.

In a few moments the convulsions ceased, the muscles relaxed and the furry creature dropped lifeless to the ground. A close inspection showed that at least twenty shot had entered the squirrel, and that if Mr. Lorberg had known of its presence and taken deliberate aim, he could not possibly have made a better or more certain

GERMANS DRIVE ALLIES EAST OF YPRES CANAL

Capture 1,000 More Frenchmen and Four Cannons and Four Machine Guns, Says Official Message From Berlin—British are Worried Over Germans Progress.

MEMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS WARNS BRITAIN AGAINST SPIES

Johnson Hicks Tells British Congress Seventy Thousand Aliens Are in England, Working For The Kaiser—Blames Them For Raids of German Submarines.

Berlin, Nov. 12, via London—German general headquarters issues the following:

"The enemy advanced from Nieuport as far as Lombaertzyde, but was driven across the Yser. The eastern bank of the Yser as far as the sea is now clear of the enemy.

"Our attack across the Yser Canal to South Dixmude is progressing.

"In the region east of Ypres we have advanced farther and captured 700 French soldiers, four cannon and four machine guns."

London, Nov. 12.—The wave of optimism which has been sweeping England for the last week was checked today by news of the occupation of Dixmude by the Germans in force and the renewed indication of the peril from German submarines by the fate of the torpedo gunboat Nizer, which yesterday morning was destroyed by a torpedo launched from a submarine of the enemy. This occurred off Deal within sight of the English shore in the narrow part of the channel, where several hundred ships lay at anchor.

With Dixmude in their possession the invaders were today less than 50 miles from Calais and much nearer Dunkirk, and the fight they have been putting up in the face of tremendous losses seems to bear out what had also been said—that they will not abandon this struggle to reach the coast unless they are utterly crushed.

The importance of the fall of Dixmude is difficult to estimate without an exact knowledge of how the opposing forces are disposed in this locality, but the town is on the direct road to Dunkirk, and if the German forces can debouch from it, the allies probably will be compelled to fall back to new positions in their efforts to block the way to the coast.

The English and French theory is that the holding of Dixmude is only temporary; that its history will be much the same as that of other towns which have been taken and retaken in the fighting on the Yser.

In certain places north of Dixmude, the Germans are at least on the left bank of the Yser, that is, on the side nearest the French coast towns, and their attacks, instead of concentrating to the southward below Ypres, apparently have been renewed almost on the coast line. Here they drove the allies from Lombaertzyde, only in turn to be driven out themselves.

The official announcement given out by Paris this afternoon says the Germans again are trying to take Lombaertzyde, which is to the north of Nieuport and within a stone's throw of the sea. How they can operate in this locality, if British and French warships are still standing guard off the shore, is not quite clear.

For some time there has been no mention of naval activity on this coast, but it has been assumed that this was explained by the reported German retirement from the coast of France and Belgium, and the news that they were delivering their attacks farther to the south.

The allies still hold Ypres, where the fighting evidently is of the most desperate character. Shells constantly are falling in the town, which also is the object of aeroplane attacks. Artillery, which has been a bone of contention, being too hot for occupation by either side. The Germans are on the hills on one side of the town and the allies are attacking it unceasingly from the other side.

The official communication given out in Paris last night claims that the invaders throughout the day continued their efforts of the day before without achieving any fresh result, and declares that the German effort is to move out of Dixmude along the left bank of the Yser.

For the moment the Russian pursuit along the Silesia front has slackened. The Germans are making efforts further to strengthen their lines of fortresses, anticipating a Russian invasion, and the marvelous system of strategic railroads extending along the line of fortresses between Graudenz, Thorn, Posen and Cracow will enable them to bring up reinforcements so rapidly that the German center is not likely again to be exposed to the weakness which led to the retreat before Warsaw.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The General headquarters has sent this message from the front: "The enemy advanced from Nieuport as far as Lombaertzyde, where they were driven across the Yser by our troops. Our attack across the Yser Canal south of Dixmude is progressing in the region east of Ypres where we captured 1,000 French today and four cannon and four machine guns. We have driven the enemy back several miles."

London, Nov. 12.—Johnson Hicks, in the House of Commons today declared there were 70,000 Aliens, the enemies of England in this country today. He charged that the coast was lined with spies and were signaling the German fleet. This, he said, was responsible for the German submarines getting right under the nose of England and blowing the British vessels.

London, Nov. 12.—The official press bureau tonight issued a list of officers lost in the naval battle on the Chilean coast. The number, as thus announced, ninety-two. The list of the men is not given.